

St. Anthony Sand Dunes

Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area

**Bureau of Land Management
Idaho Falls Field Office**

Egin Lakes Recreation Access

Take the **North Rexburg** exit off of US Highway 20. If northbound, turn left; if southbound turn right onto 1900 E. (Parker-Salem Highway and the Red Road). Travel 6.3 miles north to the second flashing light (4-way stop). Turn left and travel 0.85 mile to the split in the road. Travel over the railroad tracks and continue on 500 N. for 2.9 miles. At the Egin Lakes access sign turn right onto the gravel road.

Facilities

Facilities presently include a gravel access road, a large day use vehicle/trailer parking area, an equestrian parking area, an unloading ramp, an RV dump station, water hydrants and restrooms. There are 48 self assigned developed camp sites. Electric service is available in 28 of the sites for an additional fee. New for this year are potable water hydrants locate near all restrooms. The camp area capacity is usually exceeded on most weekends. The camp area is not on a reservation system, so it is recommended that you make reservations at a private campground or motel, if needed. For information on camping and lodging alternatives, refer to the "Local Business and Tourism Information" section.

Area Description

Egin Lakes access is located midway along a 15 mile stretch of sand dunes totaling 10,000 acres. To the east are small rolling hills suitable for beginning riders or youngsters. To the west are challenging hills - mountains of sand up to 425 feet high. Surrounding the dunes is another 10,000 acres of juniper and sagebrush. Together the two land types comprise the Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area (WSA).

WSAs -- What Are They?

WSAs are tracts of land that meet criteria set forth by Congress for potential inclusion in the Wilderness Preservation System. As such, these lands are managed to protect natural values until such time as Congress decides to designate them Wilderness or release them for further study.

How Does This Affect ORV Recreation?

The BLM is required by law to maintain the natural values of the area. This is the focus of management and the basis for rules and regulations. However, there is room for a variety of responsible activities to occur. Thousands of off-road vehicle users, horseback riders and others enjoy the freedom of the sand dunes each year.

Rules and Regulations

Stay on the open sand! As managers and stewards of a WSA, the BLM must maintain the natural landscape surrounding the dunes. Further, this area provides critical range for 1,500 deer, 2,500 elk and habitat for sharp tail and sage grouse. Recreation use leading to destruction of vegetation or other natural features could force closure of this area. Thus, there is one overriding regulation: **STAY ON THE OPEN SANDS!** Unless a route is specifically signed open with a "Designated Route" sign, it is closed. Remember, the natural resources of an area provide the basis for the quality of your experience. Do your part to protect them and keep them clean. Your cooperation is appreciated. Within the WSA, no camping or fires are allowed except in the designated area along Red Road. For other regulations pertaining to BLM lands refer to the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 432, Part 8340 - Off-Road Vehicles.

Local Business & Tourist Information

The Pit Stop	208-390-9454 208-359-1454
Eastern Idaho Visitor Center	208-523-1012 866-365-6943
Rexburg Chamber of Commerce	208-356-5700
St. Anthony Chamber of Commerce	208-624-4870
Sand Hills Resort	208-624-4127
Desert Oasis	208-624-3275
Fremont County Sheriff	208-624-4482

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